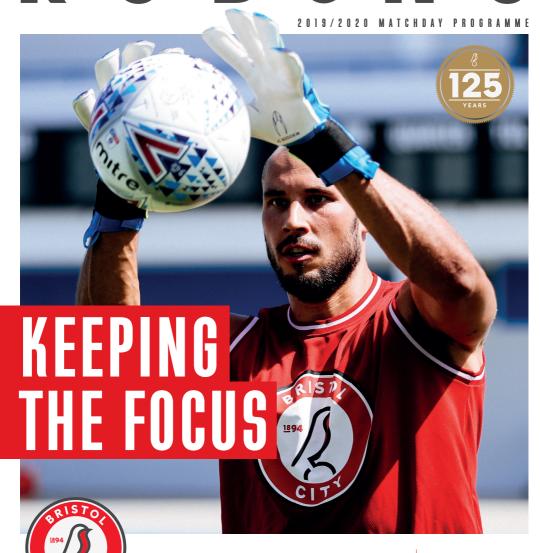
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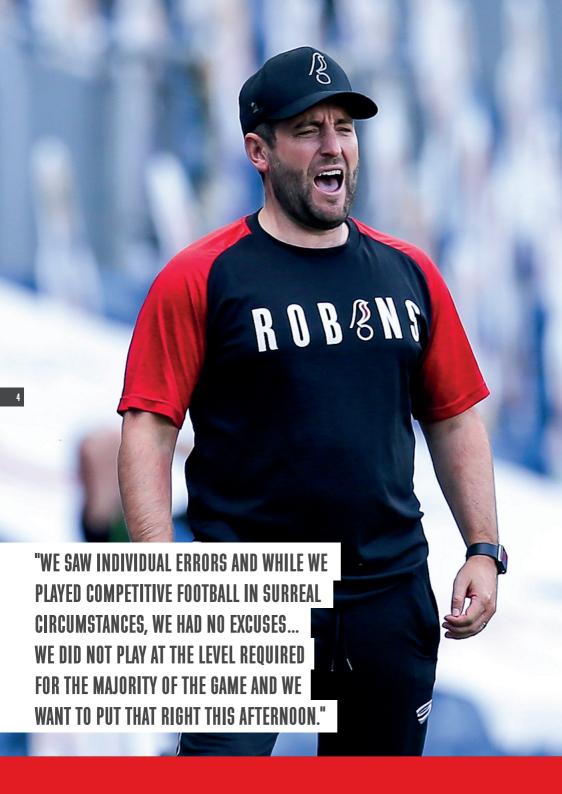
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JOHNSON

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ood day everyone and thank you for joining us, albeit from the comfort of your homes, for today's match against Sheffield Wednesday.

First and foremost, I want to start today's notes by wishing all of our supporters well. It is likely that you have all known someone affected by COVID-19 and we understand how difficult this period has been for everyone, be that financially or mentally. So make no mistake, we love our fans and we can't wait to perform in front of you in the stands when it is safe to do so.

It is hard to put into words what it means to be back at Ashton Gate. Not all that long ago, there were plenty of question marks as to when we would return to some form of normality and, while we are back at home now, these are very different circumstances.

But today we welcome Garry Monk, his players and staff to Bristol as we get ready to play in front of the Sky Sports cameras.

Many of you as Season Card holders will also be tuning in via Robins TV and I hope you will be entertained at home, while we are forced to play behind closed doors. My players, staff and I have had a week to work on how to bounce back from last week's defeat. We worked on a winning system but with all best laid plans, sometimes it just doesn't happen.

We saw individual errors and while we played competitive football in surreal circumstances, we had no excuses.

We were organised in the lead up to kick-off and should have relished the occasion, not fear it. We did not play at the level required for the majority of the game and we want to put that right this afternoon.

The selection process has opened up and I've said before that players have had the chance to knock on my door! We have eight scheduled games remaining starting with today. We need to take our chances and work like trojans in order to get that next result.

We keep believing in the cause and together – supporters, staff and players – know what we can achieve. Everyone is doing their part.

Enjoy the game!

Lee









Reid 13, 35, 62 (pen) **Brownhill 43**

Sky Bet Championship Ashton Gate Saturday, March 3rd 2018

Bobby Reid grabbed his first career hat-trick as City slaughtered struggling Sheffield Wednesday 4-0 at Ashton Gate.

The Bristolian took his tally for the season to 18 with a first-half brace, which Josh Brownhill added to before the interval.

Reid completed his treble from the penalty spot in the 64th minute to kill the game as a contest, as City rediscovered their mojo after a winless February iust as Head Coach Lee Johnson had requested.







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MARK ASHTON

t is hard to believe it's 16 weeks since my last programme notes and it's impossible for me describe the sheer volume of work which has, and continues to be, undertaken by so many people to ensure that we could resume the 2019/20 Sky Bet Championship season.

I want to begin my column by wishing you and your family the best mental and physical health, in what is and has been a very challenging, confusing and emotional period in human history.

As I say, so much work has gone into bringing football back safely and it gives me great pleasure to be able to welcome Garry Monk, his players and staff to Ashton Gate today, where we are operating strict protocols to ensure a secure environment whilst we continue to fight for three valuable points.

There have been so many challenges both on and off the pitch since the last ball was kicked here on March 7th. I've had dual responsibility as CEO of Bristol City and as an elected director on the EFL Board...I couldn't have been in the role at a more turbulent time.

There have been an array of challenges, with the landscape changing throughout the last few months. After the Fulham game, there was the realisation that as the EFL Board we needed to make a decision on the next round of fixtures. This of course included our own game against Blackburn Rovers, as the severity of the virus was only just becoming clear.

As best we could, we had to assess the scale

of the pandemic's impact on football as an industry. As an EFL Board – led by chairman Rick Parry, who has been fantastic – we had to formulate what the future would look like and, at one point, it was not when we could return but if we could return at all.

Once we understood the practicalities, we were able to work with Government and other relevant bodies on a return to a training programme. So many people, including our own Head of Performance Andy Rolls, have gone above and beyond in playing a huge part nationally in getting us back to this point.

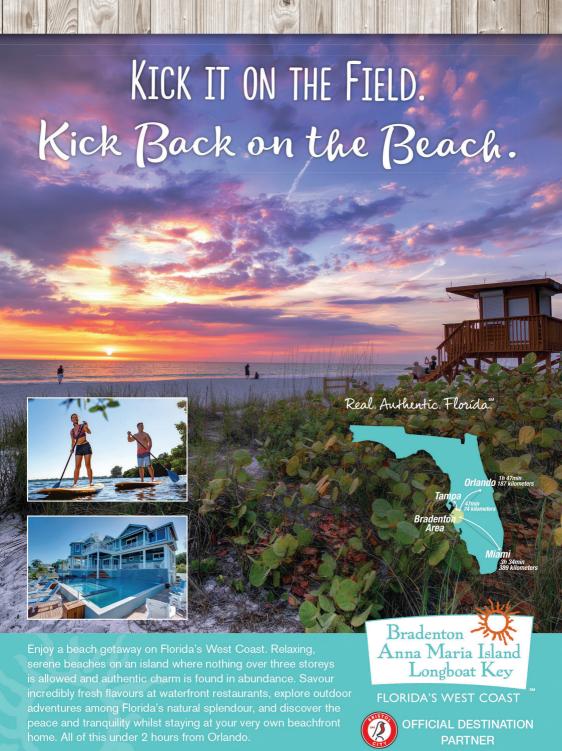
I think what will stand out for me in this time is how human nature has come to the forefront, people have pulled together and we've cared for each other in more ways than ever before.

We always asked ourselves if it was right to bring football back. Financially it was the right thing to do both for the club and its impact on the local economy, but it always had to return in a safe and secure manner.

We're now at that point and still just two points outside the play-offs with eight scheduled games to go. The disappointment last weekend was clear but the players do understand the weight of the responsibility and we have a chance to bounce back today, so please get right behind the boys however you're following the game today.

Regards.

Mark



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Finishing session with @coachwalters121 • Feels good to be able to kick ball again after the long term injury 🖷 🏵 🏵



zakvyner Happy to be back out there 🦎 🙌

THE GLOVES ARE STAYING ON

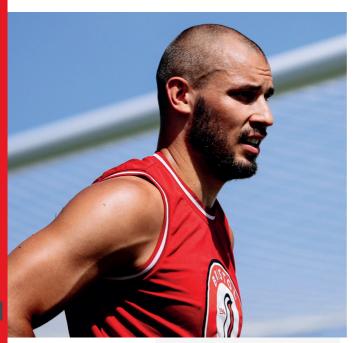
Age is but a number for Niki Mäenpää who is "100%" focused on his playing career.

The experienced shot-stopper discusses the important role he has to play in the unique position of goalkeeper...





🦉 INTERVIEW



ife between the sticks is one of those sporting quirks; only one player can fill the role in the starting XI and it's equally as hard a position to earn as it is to hold on to.

Niki Mäenpää has had to bide his time with summer signing Dan Bentley pulling off a series of impressive displays to keep the goalie jersey.

The former Finland international

CAREER HIGHS

2006

Makes his professional debut with FC Den Bosch

JUNE 2008

Makes his Finland debut (a 1-1 draw versus Belarus)

MARCH 2013

Played in 1-1 draw (FIFA World Cup qualifier) with then European and World champions Spain. Nikki recalls: "It was a great experience!"

MAY 2013

Promotion to the Premier League with Brighton & Hove Albion, pictured played in the Emirates FA Cup, his first appearance of the season, before playing consecutive Sky Bet Championship fixtures versus Millwall and Fulham.

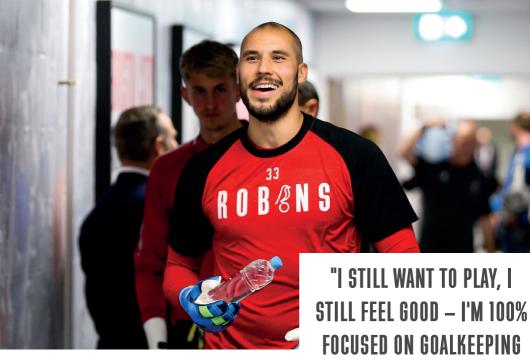
And then the coronavirus pandemic swept the globe, meaning the season was suspended.

"With lockdown, when the pandemic hit us, it wasn't a good moment for me," Mäenpää said. "I had played a couple of games, I had done well so I was unfortunate and it's not too often you change the person in goal so you have to always be ready.

"But I've played in football for a long time so I've had the years and experience of both playing and not playing. It's not new for me and it's something that happens as a goalkeeper."

Now 35 years young, the shot-stopper admits post-playing career thoughts have entered his mind but that's as far as it has gone for now.

"If I start to think about the coaching element then it takes me away from my football and at the moment I want to give 100% on



the pitch," Mäenpää continued. "I don't think I'm ready, I haven't done a course yet but once in a while of course it enters your thoughts: I'm getting older and one day I will have to retire from playing. I haven't focused on the post-career.

"I do like spending time with children and maybe I could see myself as a goalkeeper coach for young, aspiring keepers.

"But as soon as I start to think about the coaching pass then that will be when my focus has completely come away from playing. I still want to play, I still feel good and I'm 100% focused on goalkeeping and playing."

In fact, the only added responsibility he feels as a more experienced member of the squad is his ability of "giving banter and taking the mick"

However, lockdown has been a more serious matter and Niki, who shares a Bristol flat with his family, recognised the tough time for all.

"I was with my family and I had time to play with my little one. The motivation became harder as the weeks went by because >



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DOMESTIC LEAGUE **APPEARANCES**

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2019/20 STATS

3 GAMES IN TOTAL

AVG. PASSES PER GAME

OPTA 717 RATING

CAPS

INTERNATIONAL DEBUT



v BELARUS. JUNE 2ND 2008

CAREER PATH



2003-2006 Signed



2006 Loan



2006-2009 Transfer



Transfer



2011-2012 Transfer



2012-2015 Transfer



2015-2018 Transfer



2018-present Transfer

there was so much uncertainty about the season - there have been so many situations and circumstances

"For us, it was a case of not being bored but that's nothing compared to other people's circumstances in these difficult times so we can't complain."

The Championship. albeit with different rules and no supporters allowed in stadiums. was eventually allowed

to resume, something Mäennää and his teammates were keen for as they wanted

Blackburn because there are such a number of games in a short space of time. There

"WE NEED TO FORGET AND REFOCUS...THERE ARE SUCH A NIIMRER OF GAMES IN A SHORT SPACE OF TIME."

to avoid "unfinished husiness "

He said: "We need to forget and refocus after are so many teams competing and we need to make sure we play well to give ourselves a chance

"While we are playing without fans obviously it's still football at the end of the day but of course the best feeling is when you have the fans cheering with you and encouraging you.

"But I think playing without the fans is something we need to get used to and we can't use the fact that there is no crowd as an excuse. We just want to do our best and Sunday is our first opportunity to do that on our own pitch." ?

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HUMMEL WEAR REVEALED

City's new warm-up tees and anthem jackets in partnership with Danish sportswear brand hummel have proved incredibly popular since going on sale earlier this month.

The club has run limited stock of the Robins' pioneering kit design which included three matchday warm-up tees and two anthem jackets. Items which remain in stock are on sale in the Bristol Sport Store at Ashton Gate and online.

The Bristol Sport Store at Ashton Gate will be open from to 9am to 3pm from Thursday to Saturday.

Your co-operation with social distancing and patience with limited staff is greatly appreciated.

EARLY KICK-OFF CHANGES FOR JULY MATCHES

City's upcoming midweek fixtures against Nottingham Forest and Hull City - both available to watch exclusively on Robins TV with coverage from 5pm - will now kick-off at 6pm on their respective dates.

The Robins travel to the City Ground on Wednesday, July 1st and welcome the Tigers to Ashton Gate on Wednesday, July 8th. Both games were originally scheduled for 7.45pm.

Subscribe to Robins TV today via the website and enjoy a full matchday build-up programme starting an hour ahead of kick-off, with four-camera coverage, dual commentary, match analysis and special quests.

The kick-off time for City's final scheduled Championship game of the season versus Preston North End (Wednesday, July 22nd) at Ashton Gate remains to be confirmed





THANK YOU MARKUS

Midfielder Markus **Henriksen departed Bristol** City with the club's blessing to pursue other options.

The Norwegian international. who joined on loan from Hull City in January, moved on after four appearances.

Head Coach Lee Johnson said: "Markus has shown his class by making himself available until June 30th when his loan spell expires. He has other options on the table and we have allowed him to leave now. He goes with our blessing."

OWLS EYE DOUBLE

The football drought came to an end last weekend, with Wednesday rescuing a point against Nottingham Forest at Hillsborough.

Connor Wickham's last-gasp goal salvaged the share of the spoils after Joe Lolley had headed the Tricky Trees in front.

Garry Monk praised the character of his squad, speaking post-match that his side "have a long trip next week and we have to be at the best level we can be" with eyes on BS3 this lunchtime when they aim to complete a season double over the Robins.

Monk's side beat City in the pre-Christmas showdown at Hillsborough, where Barry Bannan's late penalty was enough to seal all three points.

With one positive test for coronavirus back at the start of June, the Owls have also had to contend with the logistics of retaining key players ahead of the next transfer window.

The lockdown period proved a chance to lock in new contracts with the likes of Joey Pelupessy, Matt Penney, Osaze Urhoghide, Kieran Lee and Atdhe Nuhiu all recently penning extensions. However, Fernando Forestieri and top scorer Steve Fletcher are among those set to depart when their contracts expire on June 30th.

Right Scotland international Barry Bannan



FACTFILE

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GROUND

HILLSBOROUGH

CAPACITY

34,854



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HONOURS

First Division champions 1902/03, 1903/04, 1928/29, 1929/30

FA Cup winners 1895/96, 1906/07, 1934/35

League Cup winners 1990/91

FA Community Shield winner 1935







MANAGER

GARRY MONK

Spent the majority of his playing career as a centre back with Swansea City, where he partnered City's Ashley Williams and won numerous accolades such as the Football League Trophy, League Cup and promotions.

In February 2014 Monk turned to playermanagement at the Liberty Stadium, briefly taking the Swans joint-top of the Premier League before departing in December 2015.

He was appointed head coach at Leeds United in June 2016 but that role lasted one season, and his following tenure with Middlesbrough lasted just six months. Monk became Birmingham City's fifth manager in a 15-month period when he arrived in March 2018 but was sacked last June. He has managed Sheffield Wednesday since September.

Although Monk scored only three goals for Swansea City, one of those was his only strike of the 2008/09 season and the winner against Bristol City!

ONE TO WATCH

BARRY BANNAN

The Scottish international may be 30 years old but is still one of the recognised danger men in the Championship.



Lee Johnson knows of his qualities; he has spoken publicly of the midfielder's ability and his passing capabilities are

certainly worth noting.

With seven assists this season, Bannan grabbed the all-important goal the last time these two teams. met back in December disptaching the penalty winner with only five minutes of the game

remaining.



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Vyner, Benović, Williams.

LAST LINE-UP

FORM GUIDE 0-3

Bentley, Kalas, Pereira (Hunt), Baker, Rowe (Dasilva), Smith, Massengo (Wells), O'Dowda, Eliasson (Palmer), Paterson, Diédhiou (Afobe) Subs not used: Mäenpää, 1-3

WEST BROM HUDDERSFIELD MILLWALL FULHAM

TEN-YEAR LEAGUE RECORD









22,483 AVERAGE HOME LEAGUE CROWD

FORM GUIDE LAST 5 GAMES

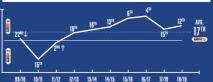
N FOREST

CHARLTON 1-0 DERBY COUNTY 1-3 MAN CITY (FA CUP) 0-1 BRENTFORD 0-5 LAST LINE-UP

Wildsmith, Palmer, Iorfa, Börner, Murphy (Odubajo), Lee (Reach), Bannan, Luongo (Hunt), Harris, Rhodes (Fletcher (Da Cruz)), Wickham. Subs not used: Dawson, Fox, Pelupessy, Lees.

TEN-YEAR LEAGUE RECORD

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Born:

Manchester. October 23rd 1984

Previous clubs: Manchester City, Carlisle, Coventry City, Sunderland



Born:

Sheffield. July 7th 1995

Previous clubs: N/A - Academy



Born:

Sheffield. December 28th 1995

Previous clubs: N/A - Academy



Maidstone, June 28th 1985

Previous clubs:

Orient, Exeter, Peterboro. Crawley, Portsmouth, Norwich, Fleetwood



Born:

Worksop, September 19th 1991

Previous clubs: N/A - Academy



Born:

Chelmsford, September 21st 1993

Previous clubs: Charlton Athletic



Born: Weimar, Germany, January 21st 1991

Previous clubs: Energie Cottbus, Arminia Bielefeld



Born:

Birmingham, November 28th 1990

Previous clubs: Leeds United



MOSES ODUBAJO

Born:

Greenwich, July 28th 1993

Previous clubs: Levton Orient. Brentford, **Hull City**



Born:

Kirkcaldy, October 5th 1996

Parent club: Hamburger SV Previous clubs: Raith Rovers, Rangers



Born:

Southend-on-Sea, June 24th 1995

Previous clubs: Wolves



Born:

London, July 4th 2000

Previous clubs: AFC Wimbledon



Born:

Stalybridge, June 22nd 1988

Previous clubs: Manchester United. Charlton Athletic



KADEEM HARRIS

Born:

Westminster. June 8th 1993

Previous clubs: Wycombe Wanderers, Cardiff City



JOEY PELUPESSY

Born:

Nijverdal, Netherlands, January 8th 1991

Previous clubs: FC Twente, Heracles Almelo



BARRY BANNAN

Born:

Airdie. December 1st 1989

Previous clubs: Aston Villa.

Crystal Palace



Born: Wembley, February 24th 1985

Parent club: Newcastle United Previous club: Norwich City



Born: Chester-le-Street, February 3rd 1993

Previous clubs: Middlesbrough



Born:

Sydney, Australia, September 25th 1992

Previous clubs: Tottenham Hotspur, Swindon Town, QPR



Born: Windsor.

August 3rd 1989 Previous clubs: Chelsea



Born: Sheffield, May 29th 2000

Previous clubs: N/A - Academy



Born:

Almere, Netherlands, April 27th 1997 Parent club:

Parma Previous clubs: FC Twente, Novara



Born:

Hull. January 9th 1994

Parent club: Wigan Previous clubs: Harrogate, Accrington



Rangers,





Born:

Oldham, February 5th 1990 Previous clubs:

Ipswich, Huddersfield. Blackburn Rovers, Middlesbrough



Born:

Shrewsbury, March 26th 1987

Previous clubs: Hibernian. Burnley, Wolves, Sunderland



Born:

Wolverhampton, January 19th 1991

Previous clubs: Wolves.

Scunthorpe United, Barnsley



Born:

Prstina, Kosovo, November 20th 1991

Previous clubs: Wels

Austria Kärnten, Rapid Wien



Born:

Hereford. March 31st 1993

Parent club: Crystal Palace Previous club: Ispwich Town



Born:

Sofia, Bulgaria, April 23rd 2000

Previous clubs: Levski Sofia



Rosario, Argentina, January 15th 1990



ROBINS NEST PODCAST

ADAPTING TO A NEW NORMAL

ead Physiotherapist **Andy Proctor explains** how the staff and players have had to adapt new ways of working under the restrictions and quidelines set out by the club and the EFL.

New protocols came into place last month to enable a safe training environment during the COVID-19 outbreak

"It's been massive the changes we've had to implement, the way we've got to work is different," Proctor told Downsy in the latest episode of the Robins Nest Podcast. "So we haven't been doing any hands-on treatment, that was until the end of last week where a few things were deemed essential.

"The amount of gloves, masks and aprons we've got in and the amount we've got through, it's a big change for us. To be able to assess a player has been difficult too. We've started returning normally but again with full PPE and we have to change before seeing every player.



"It's difficult for masseurs because they have a limited time due to the amount of exposure."

Players have also been doing their own strappings for example, to mixed effects!

"Cal [Callum O'Dowda] has been really good but a couple have been debatable." Proctor said. "Renik did one which was awful and it hurt his ankle because he did it so tight. I've had to help Ádám Nagy a bit, but most have been alright!"

It is just over two years exactly since the club welcomed Proctor to the medical department from Oxford United. He has got to know the players well and, with the 2019/20 season resuming last weekend, Proctor says he can feel the close-knit nature of the group.

"When we all came back I said it felt different. like the lads felt tighter and the group felt as one," he said. "I don't know what to put that down to and I've only experienced it once before where I just knew the group was perfect for what we were trying to achieve. It feels like we're on the verge of something and we have a great chance with the lads we have."

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Test your Bristol City knowledge

02 SPOT THE DIFFERENCE





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HALF-TIME QUIZ

03 NUMBERS GAME

Can you find the solution to the sum below, based on each player's squad number?









04 WORDSEARCH

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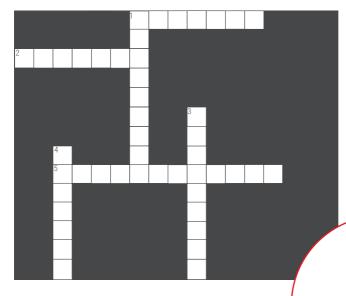


Can you find the following words and phrases associated with tonight's game?

CHAMPIONSHIP
CLOSED DOORS
GARRY MONK
HILLSBOROUGH
LEE JOHNSON
LOCKDOWN
SHEFFIELD
SKY BET
THE OWLS

WEDNESDAY

05 CROSSWORD



CLUES

Based on tonight's opposition

ACROSS

- 1 Club captain
- 2 Leading scorer (surname)
- 5 Home ground

DOWN

- 1 Local rivals (nickname)
- 3 Manager
- 4 Club nickname



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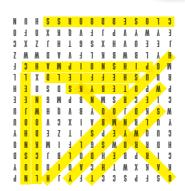
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06 GUESS WHO



Can you identify this City star?

ANSWERS



Guess who: Korey Smith. Wordsearch: See left.

Crossword: Across: 7. Tom Lees; 2. Fletchher; 5. Hillsborough; Down: 7. The Blades; 3. Garry Monk; 4. The Owls.

Numbers game: 13.

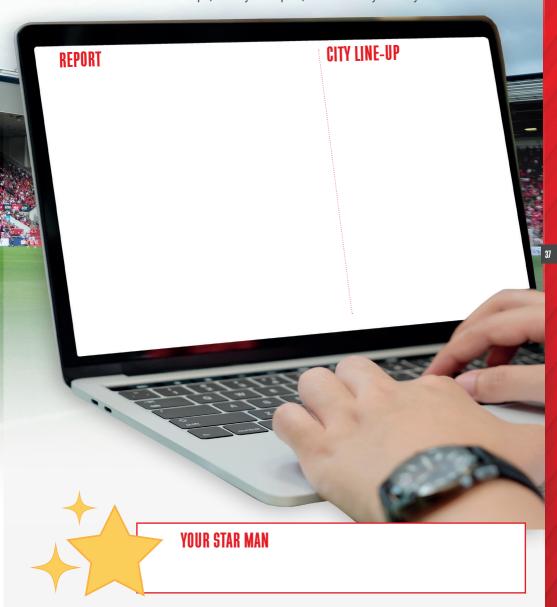
Andrama: Jojo Wollscott The Bifference: The Spot The Bifference: The ball has disappeared; the ball has disappeared; the runder from the Fulham and spore from the Fulham has gone from the Fulham player's store from the Fulham is missing from Peetro.







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N MATCH IN TIME







ROBINS FLY HIGH AGAINST OWLS

Lee Tomlin double inspires City's best display of the season



4-1



Tomlin 10, 42 (pen) Reid 13 Kodjia 52 (pen)

Saturday, April 9th 2016 Ashton Gate Sky Bet Championship Attendance: 15,854 The biggest home crowd of the season at a reduced-capacity Ashton Gate witnessed what was arguaby City's best display of their maiden Sky Bet Championship campaign.

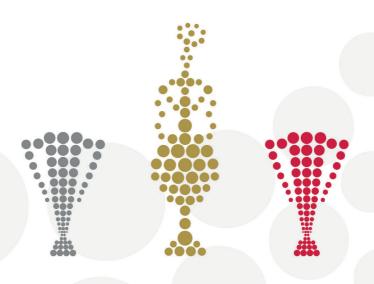
Early goals from loan signing Lee Tomlin (a deflected shot initially awarded as an own goal) and Bobby Reid – his first in a City shirt for 16 months – set the tone, before Tomlin converted from the spot to complete a memorable first half. City were awarded another spot-kick seven minutes into the second period from which Jonathan Kodjia made it four.

Ross Wallace's precise free kick which struck the post and rebounded into the net off Richard O'Donnell was the only blemish on a stunning performance just three weeks after City hit Bolton Wanderers for six



For the latest news and to share your match day experiences, follow...







THE EARLY YEARS



PHOTO MYSTERY SOLVED

As the club celebrates its 125th year, **David Woods** documents the first years of City's history.

n the programme for the Wigan match on October 27th, reference was made to the photograph on this page which had defied all my best efforts to identify.

Fortunately, this no longer continues to frustrate, as Darren Hurley, the author of the Wedlock book, has not only come up with the goods but found a good story.

The occasion was the deciding match in the South Western

Counties Championship, which Gloucestershire had lost to their visitors the previous season.

Anxious to avoid a similar fate, Gloucestershire – in what was an amateur competition – worked a flanker, fielding a team of professionals on Wednesday, March 9th 1898. Their ploy not only worked, but surprisingly escaped a reprimand, though this unsportsmanlike behaviour was roundly condemned in the Dorset press.



Gloucestershire XI at St John's Lane, 1898. Left to right (players only):
Back row – Alex Milligan, W Cox, Walter Bunch. Middle row: Thomas Farnall,
William Higgins, George Kinsey. Front row – Greenwood, Albert Carnelly, Davies,
Patrick O'Brien, John Russell. (Note: It is thought the person seated left is Bill
Somerton, the former Eastville Rovers player; and that JA Tayler, later to be
referred to as the 'grand old man of Bristol football', is standing far right).

MATCH DETAILS

Gloucestershire 3(2) Greenwood 40. Russell 44.

O'Brien

Dorsetshire Long 1(0)

St John's Lane Attendance: 2,000

Glos: W Cox (St George); W Bunch (Rovers), A Milligan (City); T Farnall (Rovers), W Higgins (City), G Kinsey (Rovers); Greenwood (Warmley), A Carnelly (City), Davies (St George), P O'Brien (City), J Russell (City).

Dorset: D Marke (Weymouth College); Gunner Brindley (Royal Artllery), HK Budge (capt, Poole); WS Masterman (Old Weymouthians), J Newport (Weymouth), C Gould (Poole); J Horniblow (Weymouth), SH Miller (Weymouth College), GS Long (Weymouth College), A Steadman (Weymouth), H Marston (Weymouth.

Referee: JC Tillotson (Birmingham)

Note: (i) The local press reports that Gloucestershire's colours were black and white halved shirts, white shorts. (ii) Gloucestershire had won all their previous group games this term as follows: Oct 25 v Wiltshire 2-0 at Kingswood; Nov 24 v Devonshire 4-2 at Plymouth; Dec 27 v Somerset 4-2 at Radstock.



KING GARY TAKES CITY UP

Mike Adams continues his story of City's fight back from near extinction in 1982, by recalling the story of the 2006/07 promotion season...

fter Danny Wilson had taken City to the playoffs in two successive seasons, the Robins missed out on the top six by one point in 2004/05 under Brian Tinnion before handing the reins to Gary Johnson in late September 2005.

After a season of consolidation the charismatic former Yeovil Town boss managed to avoid the play-off gamble entirely by steering City to second spot in 2006/07.

The season began with a 1-0 home win over champions-to-be Scunthorpe United, but three defeats lowered the mood. Fortunately this was a mere blip, ended by a fine 3-1 win at Northampton Town, a scoreline repeated at Ashton Gate against Chesterfield in mid-September, which lifted City to third. From

then on, the Robins would stay in the top six before a repeat scoreline away at Chesterfield in early March saw them move up to second – a position they held to the end of the season.

March was a good month, City banking 16 points from the 21 on offer. But with three matches to play City's three goalkeepers were ruled out injured. Thankfully, the Football League sanctioned the emergency loan signing of John Ruddy from Everton.

After finding themselves 0-1 down at Carlisle United after five minutes against a side buoyed by five consecutive wins, Jamie 'Boom Boom' McCombe's header on 45 minutes ensured the sides entered the break on level terms, before Enoch Showunmi gave them the lead on 65 minutes and Bradley Orr calmed nerves with a third goal.

With Blackpool and Nottingham Forest hot on their heels, City needed one win from their last two games to clinch promotion but lost 1-0 at Millwall through a 78th-minute goal, setting up a must-win grandstand finish at home to already-relegated Rotherham United.

David Noble eased nerves on eight minutes with an angled volley, before sliding in a second on 44 minutes to give City breathing space. Alex Russell's goal three minutes into the second half had the fans in dreamland, only slightly dampened by Rotherham's consolation goal three minutes later.

The scenes after the final whistle spoke volumes as jubilant supporters flooded onto the pitch to celebrate a return to the second tier after an eight-year absence.



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Z YOUR MEMORIES

FAMILY OF REDS

City fan John Harvey concludes his trilogy of articles on his life supporting the Robins...



was 12 or 13 vears old I aot a part time job in Lombard Street. Bedminster. shovelling concrete all Saturday morning to pay for Saturday afternoon's football.

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I really enjoy my football now so I try not to look back too often - there have been quite a few ups and downs in the past.

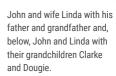
Having said that, there are a few old players who still come to mind. I was lucky enough to see John Atyeo and, more recently. good old Scott Murray at his best. Anyone remember Ray Cashley's goal from the penalty area against Hull City in the 1970s?

Some of the songs back in the



day were just as inventive as they are now: "If I had the wings of a sparrow, if I had the ass of a crow, Chris Crowe, I'd fly over Eastville tomorrow and **** on ..."

I remember so well how elated I felt when we were promoted into Division One, the Premier League of the day. If you know



what happened in the following years you'll know why it's important to look to the future and not back at the past. All I know for certain is my grandad was red, my dad was red, my wife and I are red, our kids are red and our grandkids are red.

I have had happy and sad times as a Bristol City fan but would not change a thing. I love my football

more now than ever before. I am sure we have a great future in front of us. I'm getting a little old now, but I'll still be there until the day I die. when I'm sure there will still be a generation or two of my family cheering the best football club in the world COME ON YOU REDS!

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🛭 40 YEARS AGO

Steve Smith looks back at 1979/80, City's last season in the top flight to date...



Mar All smiles
15 before kick-off as Geoff
Merrick greets his
Liverpool counterpart
Phil Thompson, but

its soon clear why the Reds are eight points clear at the top as they inflict a 3-1 defeat on City at Ashton Gate. Terry McDermott runs

Mar There is cause for celebrations
amongst the City faithful as 'The
Robin' matchday magazine is voted
Best Programme in the Football League.
Commercial manager Jim Evans, here with the
trophy, says: "I think you will agree that it's the
best 30p worth in the country."

the show for the visitors as a Ray Kennedy goal inside the opening five minutes sets them on their way, with Kenny Dalglish netting the others. Kevin Mabbutt's reply is his fourth League goal in 23 outings. Derby County leapfrog the Robins following their 2-1 win at Bolton Wanderers.

Mar A frantic hour of football produces all six goals in the relegation battle with Derby as it ends 3-3. Jimmy Mann saves a point on 58 minutes following two goals from Tom Ritchie, and an Alan Biley (pictured) hat-trick for the Rams. City stay in 21st place in the table.



Mar 2-0 at home in the first leg of the Anglo-Scottish Cup final to St Mirren, with Billy Stark scoring both goals. A critical viewpoint from the opposing manager Jim Clunie prompts this response from Alan Dicks: "I'd back English clubs against Scottish clubs every time".



Mar 16

Liverpool
and England
midfielder Terry
McDermott is
named as PFA
'Player of the
Year', with
Tottenham's
Glenn Hoddle
picking up
the 'Young
Player of the
Year' award.



Mar Bristol City assistant manager Tony Collins
20 is critical about Manchester City boss
Malcolm Allison's approach to buying
players. "He has undermined the whole transfer
market with his big spending. He's turned the whole
thing upside down by spending £5 million."



Mar **Nottingham** Forest beat **Dynamo Berlin** 3-1 in their quarterfinal of the European Cup and take the tie 3-2 on aggregate with a Trevor Francis double and spot-kick from John Robertson (pictured). In the equivalent stage of the Cup Winners' Cup, Arsenal go through 5-1 on aggregate after a 0-0 draw against Gothenburg.

Mar England beat Spain 2-0 in Barcelona with goals from Trevor Francis (left) and Tony Woodcock.













Bialkowski Romeo Hutchinson

Cooper Wallace

Mahoney Bennett 74

Molumby __

Woods Wallace

Smith Bödvarsson 75

Bradshaw O'Brien 85

Unused subs **Steele, Ferguson,**

Pearce, Skalak

1-1



Kalas (OG) 51

Pereira 10

The Den Saturday, February 29th 2020 Attendance: 13,584 Referee: A Davies



Mäenpää

Pereira

Kalas Baker

Baker Dasilva

Paterson Wells 69

Smith

Nagy

O'Dowda Eliasson 84

Weimann

Diédhiou

Unused subs

Wollacott, Hunt, Williams,

Benković, Massengo

MATCH STATS

SHOTS ON/OFF TARGET

CORNERS 5

PASS SUCCESS RATE

66%

POSSESSION



SHOTS ON/OFF TARGET



CORNERS

PASS SUCCESS RATE

68%





MATCH REPORT



Pedro Pereira's first-half strike helped the Robins earn a share of the points.

His hard-hit drive inside 10 minutes got City up and running in an encouraging start to the game in the capital, only for City to be denied all three points.

The leveller would eventually go down as a Tomas Kalas own goal after a ball across the box was bundled over the line under pressure from ex-Robins loanee Matt Smith.

The result saw City close the gap between them and sixth-placed Preston to two points.

ACTION

- 1 Party time for Pedro Pereira as he fires City in front.
- **2** Why so serious? The stare shows the right-back means business.
- 3 Niki Mäenpää holds on to the ball.
- **4** Appeals for a foul in the aftermath of Millwall's equaliser. The goal stands.
- **5** City leave London frustrated with a share of the points.





MATCH REVIEW

FACTFILE



Mäenpää

Kalas

Baker Benković 34

Pereira -

Dasilva

Paterson Diédhiou 64

O'Dowda

Massengo

Smith

Weimann

Wells Eliasson 90

Unused subs

Wollacott, Hunt,

Williams, Palmer



Wells 70

Cairney 84

Ashton Gate Saturday, March 7th Attendance: 23.796 Ref: D Coote



Rodák

Ream Knockaert 82

Christie

Hector

Odoi

Cairney

Decordova-Reid Johanesen 90+3

Arter

Kamara

Mitrovic

Cavaleiro Kebano 66

Unused subs

Bettinelli, Sessegnon,

McDonald, O'Riley

MATCH STATS

SHOTS ON/OFF TARGET

2 **CORNERS** 3

PASS SUCCESS RATE

POSSESSION

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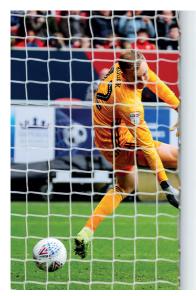
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PASS SUCCESS RATE





MATCH REPORT





A goal apiece in the second half earned City and Fulham a share of the spoils as the Robins celebrated their 125th anniversary.

Nahki Wells headed City in front with his second strike in Robins colours and had Lee Johnson's men on course to return to the top six. But, while Niki Mäenpää produced the goods to deny Bobby Decordova-Reid on his return to BS3, Tom Cairney equalised for the Cottagers with six minutes left.

This would be final match action for both teams before the enforced lockdown for the coronavirus pandemic.

ACTION

- 1 Former players and their families were welcomed back for this 125th anniversary celebration match.
- 2 A large flag was passed around the stadium as supporters got into the party atmosphere.
- 3 Breakthrough! Nahki Wells heads City in front in the second half
- 4 A behind-the-goal view on Wells'
- 5 Tom Cairney pulls Fulham level late on.









Thanks for keeping safe and playing at home while the season was on hold.





ROB&NS FOUNDATION



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HELP FOR MOST IN NEED

- · Community support soars throughout lockdown
- More than 20,000 meals and food parcels delivered

ince the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, the Robins Foundation have been working tirelessly to help those most in need in the local community.

Working alongside Ashton Gate Stadium and the other charities across the sporting group, the Robins Foundation have utilised their extensive knowledge of the local community and relationships of trust developed with vulnerable young people to deliver meals and essential food supplies to those most in need

This COVID-19 response effort has now seen over 20,000 meals and food parcels provided to those in need, with this number continuing to grow each week

Bristol City Robins Foundation, Projects and Partnerships Manager James Edwards, said:

"The reality of the situation is that if we didn't deliver our food packages to these vulnerable young people, they would go hungry and have nowhere to turn. "At school, the youngsters have a routine and they can trust that their food will be there every day, however at the moment that isn't the case

"Our team have stayed in contact with the young people throughout this period of lockdown and use the time when they drop off food as an opportunity to engage with them and make sure they are okay.

"We have received an unbelievable amount of support from our community; whether that be individuals volunteering to help our team make the deliveries, or local businesses donating food and learning supplies.

"We have been blown away by the amount of support and I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and every person who has helped support the community."

Despite lockdown restrictions beginning to ease, the Robins Foundation plan on continuing to provide this essential support for the foreseeable future. If you would like to offer your support, please contact: carly.price@bcfc.co.uk

50/50 MATCHDAY Draw now online

Despite fans not being able to attend City's remaining Championship games supporters are still able to enter the club's all new digital 50/50 Matchday Draw competition, with the chance to win up to £1,000. Fifty per cent of all ticket revenue will make up the cash prize whilst the remaining proceeds will go directly to the Robins Foundation.

For your chance to win, head to https://raffall.com/BristolCity.



The winner of the 50/50 Matchday Draw will be announced live at half-time via Robins TV.









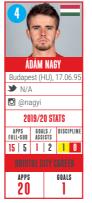


2019/20 SQUAD









Loan signing

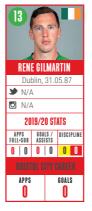




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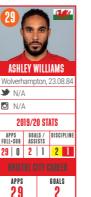






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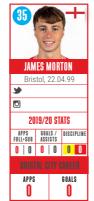
























MANAGEMENT









2019/20 FIXTURES/RESULTS

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Sun Aug 4	4.30pm	LEEDS UNITED	Н	1-3	23,553	Bentley	Hunt	Kalas	Moore	Dasilva	Pack-	Brownhill
Sat Aug 10	3pm	Birmingham City	Α	1-1	21,808	Bentley	Pereira >	Wright▶	Kalas	Baker -	Rowe	Nagy
Tue Aug 13	7.45pm	QPR (CC1)	Α	3-3 (4-5)	5,795	Bentley	Hunt ▶	Wright	Moore	Rowe	Eliasson	Walsh ^A
Sat Aug 17	3pm	QPR	Н	2-0	21,654	Bentley	Hunt 🕨	Kalas	Moore	Baker	Rowe	Nagy▶
Tue Aug 20	7.45pm	Derby County	Α	2-1	25,564	Bentley	Hunt⁴ ▶	Kalas	Moore	Baker	Rowe	Massengo
Sat Aug 24	3pm	Hull City	Α	3-1	10,458	Bentley	Pereira	Kalas▶	Moore	Baker	Rowe	Massengo
Sat Aug 31	12.30pm	MIDDLESBROUGH	Н	2-2	20,757	Bentley	Hunt >	Baker	Moore	Rowe	Eliasson ^A	Massengo •
Sat Sep 14	3pm	Stoke City	A	2-1	22,357	Bentley	Hunt ^A	Baker	Williams	Moore >	Rowe	Massengo
Sat Sep 21	3pm	SWANSEA CITY	Н	0-0	22,885	Bentley	Hunt	Baker >	Moore -	Williams	Rowe	Massengo
Sat Sep 28	3pm	Preston North End	A	3-3	12,005	Bentley	Hunt	Baker	Moore ▶	Williams*	Rowe	Massengo
Wed Oct 2	7.45pm	Brentford	Α	1-1	11,433	Bentley	Hunt*	Baker	Moore >	Williams	Rowe	Massengo •
Sat Oct 5	3pm	READING	Н	1-0	21,419	Bentley	Pereira	Moore	Williams	Rowe	Eliasson ^A >	Massengo
Sat Oct 19	3pm	Luton Town	Α	0-3	10,064	Bentley	Hunt 🔸	Baker	Moore >	Williams	Rowe	Massengo
Wed Oct 23	7.45pm	CHARLTON	Н	2-1	20,916	Bentley	Pereira -	Moore	Williams	Rowe	Eliasson	Massengo
Sun Oct 27	1.30pm	WIGAN ATHLETIC	Н	2-2	22,246	Bentley	Pereira	Moore	Williams	Baker 🔸 🕨	Rowe ^A	Brownhill
Fri Nov 1	7.45pm	Barnsley	Α	2-2	12,128	Bentley	Pereira	Moore >	Williams	Kalas	Rowe	Massengo
Sun Nov 10	12noon	Cardiff City	Α	1-0	23,846	Bentley	Pereira >	Kalas	Williams	Baker	Rowe*	Nagy -
Sat Nov 23	3pm	N. FOREST	Н	0-0	23,573	Bentley	Pereira	Wright >	Williams	Baker	Rowe	Nagy
Wed Nov 27	7.45pm	West Bromwich Albion	Α	1-4	22,197	Bentley	Pereira	Wright >	Williams	Baker ^A	O'Dowda ▶	Nagy
Sat Nov 30	3pm	HUDDERSFIELD	Н	5-2	20,762	Bentley	Hunt >	Williams	Baker >	Rowe	Brownhill ^A	Nagy ^A >
Sat Dec 7	3pm	Fulham	Α	2-1	18,779	Bentley	Hunt ● ▶	Williams	Baker	Rowe	Brownhill	Nagy ^A >
Tue Dec 10	7.45pm	MILLWALL	Н	1-2	19,742	Bentley	Hunt >	Williams	Baker	Rowe >	Brownhill	Nagy
Sat Dec 14	3pm	BLACKBURN	Н	0-2	21,180	Bentley	Pereira >	Kalas	Williams	Rowe >	Brownhill	Nagy >
Sun Dec 22	12 noon	Sheffield Wednesday	Α	0-1	23,180	Bentley •	Hunt >	Moore	Williams	Kalas	Rowe >	Smith •
Thu Dec 26	3pm	Charlton Athletic	Α	2-3	18,058	Bentley	Hunt >	Moore	Williams	Kalas	Rowe >	Nagy
Sun Dec 29	3pm	LUTON TOWN	н	3-0	22,216	Bentley	Hunt ^A	Kalas	Williams	Dasilva >	Watkins >	Nagy
Wed Jan 1	3pm	BRENTFORD	Н	0-4	20,858	Bentley	Hunt	Kalas	Williams	Dasilva •	Watkins >	Smith
Sat Jan 4	12.31pm	SHREWSBURY (FA3)	Н	1-1	9,730	Mäenpää	Pereira	Kalas >	Moore •	Dasilva >	Eliasson ^A	Nagy
Sat Jan 11	3pm	Wigan Athletic	Α	2-0	9,074	Bentley	Hunt	Williams	Baker •	Dasilva	Eliasson	Smith >
Tue Jan 14	7.45pm	Shrewsbury (FA3 R)	A	0-1	7,194	Bentley	Hunt • •	Williams	Baker >	Rowe	Eliasson	Nagy
Sat Jan 18	3pm	BARNSLEY	Н	1-0	20,570	Bentley	Hunt	Williams	Baker	Dasilva ^A	Smith	Eliasson •
Tue Jan 28	8pm	Reading	A	1-0	11,633	Bentley	Hunt	Williams	Baker	Dasilva	Smith •	Eliasson ^A
Sat Feb 1	3pm	Queens Park Rangers	A	1-0	13,713	Bentley	Hunt ^A >	Williams	Baker	Dasilva	Smith	Eliasson
Fri Feb 7	7.45pm	BIRMINGHAM CITY	Н	1-3	22,065	Bentley	Hunt >	Williams	Baker	Dasilva >	Smith	Eliasson
Wed Feb 12	7.45pm	DERBY COUNTY	Н	3-2	20,368	Bentley	Hunt	Williams	Benković	Dasilva ^A	Eliasson ^A	Smith >
Sat Feb 15	3pm	Leeds United	A	0-1	35,819	Bentley	Kalas •	Williams	Baker	Dasilva	Henriksen	Massengo
Sat Feb 22	3pm	WEST BROM.	Н	0-3	24,022	Bentley	Hunt	Williams	Benković	Dasilva	O'Dowda	Nagy >
Tue Feb 25	7.45pm	Huddersfield Town	Α	1-2	19,703	Bentley	Hunt •	Kalas -	Benković→	Baker	Dasilva	Paterson
Sat Feb 29	3pm	Millwall	A	1-1	13,584	Mäenpää	Pereira	Kalas	Baker	Dasilva ^A	Paterson >	Smith
Sat Mar 7	12.30pm	FULHAM	Н	1-1	23,796	Mäenpää	Pereira ^	Kalas	Baker >	Dasilva	Paterson >	Smith
Sat Jun 20	3pm	Blackburn Rovers	A	1-3	N/A	Bentley	Pereira • •	Kalas	Baker	Rowe ^A	Eliasson >	Smith
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Wed Jul 1	6pm	Nottingham Forest	A									
Sat Jul 4	3pm	CARDIFF CITY	Н									
Wed Jul 8	6pm	HULL CITY	Н									
Sat Jul 11	3pm	Middlesbrough	A									
Wed Jul 15	7.45pm	STOKE CITY	H									
Sat Jul 18	3pm	Swansea City	A									
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FROM THE AIRWAVES



HAN HAS MASSIVE POTENTIAL

ack in March, when all still seemed normal in the world, I had the pleasure of meeting Han-Noah Messengo for the first time.

Little did we realise what was to follow and my ten-minute interview – a preview to the Blackburn fixture which would ultimately be postponed – never made it to air.

Normally if you put a microphone in front of a footballer for the first time, especially somebody who only recently moved to England and who is only 18 years of age, I'd expect the worst. But looking back, he was a breath of fresh air.

In the time we spent talking, Han-Noah told me how quickly he's settled in at Ashton Gate. "I know that I'm young, so I know that I have to improve as well. But I think I'm improving game by game... and I have to keep going".

A slight figure, he told me how he's had to get stronger since joining the club and how much the support of the fans has



helped. "I wasn't ready for this! My first home game, I heard my song and I didn't realise it was for me. It's amazing," he said.

He's not getting carried away, helped by the fact his brother has also moved to England and lives with him. And as for his teammates, he described Korey Smith as his "big brother".

He revealed he doesn't play video games in his spare time, but prefers to watch football and do "normal things". He supports Paris St Germain, and his favourite player is Ronaldinho. Han-Noah also has six hours of English lessons per week, and

judging by our interview, it was money well spent.

Our chat got me thinking about other teenagers who have burst onto the scene at Ashton Gate, in the 20 years I've been covering the football club: Joe Burnell, Liam Rosenior, Leroy Lita, Cole Skuse, Joe Bryan and Bobby Reid.

Granted there is more to come from Han-Noah. But that's hopefully all part of the learning experience, and if his polite and calm manner is anything to go by, I have no doubts he has the right attitude to reach the very top.

Richard Hoskin

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Red shirts, white shorts, red socks

1	+	Daniel BENTLEY
2	\pm	Jack HUNT
3	$\overline{+}$	Jay DASILVA
4		Ádám NAGY
6 7	\pm	Nathan BAKER
	$\overline{+}$	Korey SMITH
9		Famara DIÉDHIOU
11		Callum O'DOWDA
13		Rene GILMARTIN
14		Andreas WEIMANN
15	1	Marley WATKINS
19	畢	Niclas ELIASSON
20	\pm	Jamie PATERSON
21	## D	Nahki WELLS
22		Tomas KALAS
25	+	Tommy ROWE
26	+	Zak VÝNER
29	1	Ashley WILLIAMS
31	344	Filip BENKOVIĆ
32	•	Pedro PEREIRA
33	+	Niki MÄENPÄÄ
35	+	James MORTON
38	+	Jojo WOLLACOTT
40	*/	Benik AFOBE
42		Han-Noah MASSENGO
45	+	Kasey PALMER

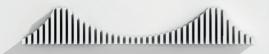
MANAGER Garry MONK

Blue-and-white striped shirts, black shorts/socks

1		Keiren WESTWOOD
2	\times	Liam PALMER
3	1	Morgan FOX
<u>5</u>	+	Kieran LEE
6	\times	Jordan RHODES
7	\pm	Kadeem HARRIS
8		Joey PELUPESSY
9	X	Steven FLETCHER
10	X	Barry BANNAN
11	+	Sam WINNALL
13		Julian BÖRNER
14	7	Jacob MURPHY
15	+	Tom LEES (c)
17	•	Atdhe NUHIU
19	+	Connor WICKHAM
20	+	Adam REACH
21	**	Massimo LUONGO
22	\pm	Moses ODUBAJO
23	\pm	Sam HUTCHINSON
24		Preslav BORUKOV
25		Cameron DAWSON
26	 \times	David BATES
27	<u>+</u>	Dominic IORFA
28	\pm	Joe WILDSMITH
29	 _	Alex HUNT
35		Ben HUGHES
36		Paul JONES
38		Alessio DA CRUZ
40		Conor GRANT
41		Liam WALDOCK
44		Osaze URHOGHIDE
45		Fernando FORESTIERI
47	+	Josh WINDASS

● Goalkeeper ● Defender ● Midfielder ● Forward

Referee John BROOKS Assistant Referee Mark RUSSELL Assistant Referee Timothy WOOD Fourth Official Kevin JOHNSON





MIDWEEK FIXTURES

Playing today

N Forest v Huddersfield (2.15pm)

Played yesterday

Charlton v QPR
Preston v Cardiff
Swansea v Luton
Barnsley v Millwall
Derby v Reading
Birmingham v Hull
Leeds v Fulham
Stoke v Middlesbrough
Wigan v Blackburn

Played Friday

Brentford v West Brom

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